

****** REMINDER AND NOTICE OF AGENDA CHANGE ******

September 15, 2004

Dear Colleague:

We invite you and your environmental legislative assistant to join us for a briefing sponsored by the Center for Health and the Global Environment at Harvard Medical School on:

**“Extreme Weather Events, Climate Instability and Abrupt Climate Change:
Implications for Human Health”**

Monday, September 20, 2004

From 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In R428A

Lunch will served

In the past five years precipitation events, heat waves and droughts have been responsible for unprecedented loss of human life and the spread of infectious diseases. This briefing will cover the impacts of extreme weather events - could larger hurricanes be a consequence of global warming? - and the ocean dynamics that drive these events, as well as the climate's sensitivity to abrupt change. The mounting public health, ecological and economic 'costs of inaction' and the growing potential for abrupt climate change catapult these concerns into the forefront of deliberations regarding practices and policies aimed at stabilizing the climate and stimulating economic growth.

Topics and speakers include:

Climate Instability and Public Health

Paul R. Epstein, M.D., M.P.H.

Center for Health and the Global Environment, Harvard Medical School

Extreme Weather Events and Human Health: Focus on Heatwaves

Lawrence Kalkstein, Ph.D.

University of Delaware

Bigger Hurricanes: A Consequence of Climate Change?

Ruth Curry, Ph.D.

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute

We hope you can join us for this important briefing. If you would like additional information please contact Ginny Worrest (Senator Snowe) or Jason Briggs (Senator Ben Nelson) To RSVP, please email tracy_graham@hms.harvard.edu.

Sincerely,

SENATOR OLYMPIA J. SNOWE
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